

Live News and Fresh Gossip from the Cities and Towns of Virginia

FUSIONIST POLITICS

Discussion Over Filling Vacancy in County Committee

DESTROYER'S TRIAL TRIP

The Barry's spin on the Chesapeake Was Most Successful—There Were One or Two Small Mishaps, but Nothing Very Serious.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 13.—The fusion committee of Norfolk county will meet to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Elmo W. Savage. The committee holds that the right to fill this vacancy belongs not to it as a body, representing all the other sections of the county than the district from which Mr. Savage was chosen, but to the voters of Tanager's Creek district, who elected him in the first instance. The call of Mr. George W. Jones for a meeting of the district committee of the county, to meet in Berkeley on Saturday at noon to elect a successor to Mr. Savage, is matched by the call of Sheriff A. C. Cromwell for his fellow-citizens of Tanager's Creek district to meet at Odd-Fellows Hall, in Huestonville, Monday, the 14th instant, at noon, to select the fusion committee's successor to the deceased member. The meeting will be exclusively for the Tanager's Creek Democrats, and the fusionists of other sections of the county declare that they are not going to attend at all. The desire is that the voters shall themselves choose their choice, which will in time be duly ratified by the members of the committee at some regular session.

The torpedo boat destroyer Barry had a trial trip on the Chesapeake course today. She arrived at the navy yard to-night under Lieutenant Commander J. H. Barry, in command. She made twenty-one knots under natural draught. No forced draught was used at all. The ship's performance as to speed and stability was satisfactory to the trial board. The firing of the three-inch gun, mounted on top of the after conning tower, caused the rivets in the deck to pull out. This has been the case with almost all the torpedo boat destroyers. The dock will be braced with extra angle irons. The constructor aboard desired to try the power of the boat to back at full speed with the helm hard over. The steering gear was carried away in a minor particular under the strain of the trial. These were the only accidents of the trip.

LARGE LABEL FILED.

J. H. Weldon, Jr., master of the schooner R. S. Graham, has filed in the United States District Court a libel against the steam tug *Demar* and the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway Company's barge No. 50, for \$9,084. The libelant says that on February 23, 1908, the schooner, with a cargo of lumber, was in collision with the tug in Hampton Roads and was damaged to an extent not fully determined till repairs are made and losses on cargo ascertained. The libelant alleges that the tug did not keep herself and her tow out of the way of the schooner; that she tried to cross ahead instead of at the stern; that she did not keep on the starboard side of the channel; that her towing hawser was too long; that she went too fast; that she did not reverse in time to avoid collision; that she did not make a proper look-out and did not steer properly. The libelant asks for injury to schooner, \$5,000; for expense of discharge and reloading, \$2,100; for protests of crew for wages, \$800; for freight, \$684, and personal effects, \$200.

BROUGHT TO RICHMOND.

Estelle Carson, twenty years of age, the consumptive who revealed her identity in the Norfolk almshouse this week and asked that her relatives be notified of her condition, was to-day rescued by her mother, Mrs. W. M. Carson, who came here last evening. The meeting at the almshouse between mother and daughter was affecting. The mother and already forgiven the girl, and she visited to Norfolk for the purpose of caring the dying girl to Richmond to spend her last hours at home. The sick girl was brought to the city in the almshouse ambulance, and left later with her mother for Richmond. The Norfolk Railway and Light Company will resume the sale of tickets, but not in the old strip form as heretofore, but in some other manner acceptable to the public. Some time ago the company announced the sale of the six for a quarter tickets. Many persons made large purchases before the sale was discontinued, but their supplies have been exhausted, and they will welcome a return to the former system of tickets equally satisfactory. E. C. Hathaway, vice-president and general manager of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company, is out of the city, and E. T. Gunn, general manager of the same company, being out of town also, it was impossible to confirm the report.

WATER METERS REPORT DEFEATED.

The City Council has defeated the report recommending water meters to protect the supply of water and the pressure are not great enough. The question is, shall the remedy be more water from large mains or less waste from small mains? The controversy has been that if meters were applied so as to prevent waste larger mains will not be needed. While if larger mains are laid without stopping the needless waste of careless water consumers, even the larger mains will not furnish sufficient supply of water and will not give the additional pressure that is needed to force the water into tall buildings or to be effective in case of large fires for the supply of fire engines. Captain W. W. Old, a member of the City Council, who is well posted on the meter question, said that it was a question of whether the city would first install a larger main at a large expense and eventually be compelled to install meters to protect its plant, which cost over a million dollars, or first install meters at a small expense and take the assurance of the authorities that it will cover the needs of the city. Captain Old said that it will be possible, with the installation of a larger main, in ten years' time the city would be compelled to use Lake Drummond as a source of supply, and this would mean an expenditure of over \$1,000,000 or even more. He advised that the meter system be tried first to prevent placing the city water works in a possible position which will require it to eventually look for more water at an enormous expense.

CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS.

Certificates are ready for the eighty Confederate pensioners under the Virginia law. (Judge Coleman, the deputy clerk, is anxious that the beneficiaries shall come to the clerk's office at once to obtain their certificates, because he has leisure now to issue them, and the beneficiaries will obtain the money the sooner. In the

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—William Pitt
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city of Norfolk the pensioners are as follows: On the list of 1888, twelve; on the list of 1900, forty-six; on the list of 1902, twenty-two. The bounties are \$40 a year for the widow of a soldier who was killed, \$5 for the widow of a soldier who died since the war. The indigent soldiers who lost two limbs are allowed \$100 a year, which is the highest pension. No one draws that here. For the loss of one arm or one leg the allowance is \$50. From that the sum is decreased to \$25 and \$15. It is a misnomer for any one to discount a pension claim, and no notary fees are to be charged by any one. Mr. Coleman issues the certificates, which are sent to the State treasurer at Richmond for a voucher, on which he issues a check for the sum due to the beneficiary.

W. H. Leestington, a railway employee, has filed a petition in bankruptcy seeking assets for \$748 and assets none. The creditors are all of Norfolk, and among the largest are Wood, Seckman and Company, \$187; J. W. Perry, \$100; W. J. Sluwater, \$85, and J. W. Asserman, \$50.

COURT IN AMELIA

An Election Soon to Be Held to Elect Successor to Southall.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMELIA COURTHOUSE, VA., March 13.—Circuit Court convened on Tuesday for its March term, and is still in session. Judge George J. Hindley presiding. Several important law cases were postponed to a special term, to be held in the near future, owing to the fact that Hon. B. G. Southall, counsel in the cases, could not be present at this term. The bar was represented by Colonel Meade Haskins, Hon. W. A. Watson, Judges S. L. Farrar and William M. Smith, General J. A. Gillis, and T. Freeman Spens. The term has been occupied mostly with chancery cases.

The citizens of Amelia are in hopes that an election will be ordered promptly for the purpose of electing a successor to the late Hon. B. G. Southall, in the present Legislature in the place of Hon. R. G. Southall, recently resigned.

The farmers are busy preparing for spring work, which has been greatly retarded by the extreme wet weather.

A BASE-BALL LEAGUE

Will Include Several Virginia and Carolina Cities.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., March 13.—A meeting will be held at the Hotel Burton, this city, next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, looking to the organization of the Virginia Base-Ball League. A preliminary meeting was held some time ago in this city, but as all the cities had not been visited, the meeting was postponed. In the meantime Mr. Davy Crockett, of Roanoke, who has been interesting himself in the organization of the league, was taken sick, and the matter was allowed to rest for a little while. Mr. Crockett has at last completed his arrangements, and it is expected that the organization will be effected.

The proposed league will embrace Roanoke, Lynchburg and Danville, in Virginia, and Greensboro, Durham and probably Winston, in North Carolina. The club here are very sanguine and think there will be little difficulty in organizing and maintaining a good club for Danville.

WITHOUT OPPOSITION

G. P. Read Elected to the House to Succeed McLain.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOYDTON, VA., March 13.—The election ordered by the House of Delegates for a member from Mecklenburg, to take the seat made vacant by the refusal of Dr. E. P. McLain to take the oath to support the Constitution, came off yesterday. Ex-Senator G. P. Read was the only candidate in the field. Only six precincts have been heard from, which give him 37 votes. Mr. Read is a thorough Democrat, a man of strong integrity, and of fine ability, and will reflect credit upon his native county in the legislative halls. At this precinct five colored Republicans voted for Read.

Tried to Hang Himself.

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STAUNTON, VA., March 13.—William Massie, who is confined in the county jail here, awaiting trial charged with killing his wife near Staunton several weeks ago, tried to commit suicide yesterday evening by hanging. Massie got possession of the hose that is kept in the jail for the purpose of washing the floors, and placing it around his neck was in the act of hanging himself when some of the other prisoners prevented him from carrying out his purpose.

Made an Oil Burner.

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 13.—The steamer *Harry Luckenbach*, which has been converted from a cargo carrier to an oil carrier, and from a coal burner to an oil burner, left the shipyard today and sailed for Sabine Pass, Texas. She will engage in the oil trade.

MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE WELL KNOWN IN THE ROCKBRIDGE CITY.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, VA., March 13.—Hon. John M. Quisenberry, member of the House of Delegates from Rockbridge, is at home visiting his family for a few days.

Mr. Lawrence Embree, general manager of the Rockbridge Lime Works, was in Washington this week attending a meeting of the Virginia Life Association. Dr. James H. Howe, of Washington, and Lee University, spent several days in Lynchburg this week, visiting his daughter, Miss Gwendolyn Howe, who is a student at the Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Colonel Robert Catlett, of this place, is now in Richmond, assisting in the business of the Attorney-General's office, during the illness of Attorney-General Anderson.

Dr. A. M. Randolph, bishop of the diocese of Southern Virginia, will preach Sunday morning at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, and will confirm a class at that service.

Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling, of the Lexington Presbyterian Church, and Rev. W. N. Scott, of the Second Presbyterian Church, Staunton, will exchange pupils Sunday.

Dr. George H. Deany, president of the Washington and Lee University, addressed the student assembly this week on "A Plan for Training in the Art of Public Speaking."

Miss Laura Pierson, daughter of Mayor W. P. Pierson, has returned from Cincinnati, O., where she spent the winter with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Connor.

Miss Beattie Pongue, daughter of Colonel W. T. Pongue, of Pittsburg, Pa., has been visiting in Richmond, visiting her uncle, Dr. G. B. Strickler, of Union Theological Seminary.

Miss Lillie L. Deaver, who is making her home in Washington, is in Lexington visiting her father, Mr. Thomas S. Deaver.

Mrs. Isaac Weinberg has returned from Baltimore, where she spent several weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sachs.

THE BIG SURVEY

It Has Been Surveyed and Contains Over a Million Acres.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NELLY'S FORD, VA., March 13.—The surveying of the large tract of land known as "the big survey," which was recently purchased by the Interstate-Lesha Company, of Rock Island, Pa., has been surveyed, and is reported to contain between 1,200 and 1,500 thousand acres of well timbered land. Messrs. Kelsier and Lesh, together with Mr. Schell, their manager here, and a party of other Northern gentlemen, who have been here for some time, spent last week looking over the proposed route for a new railroad up Rock Valley.

The tobacco crop has been about all sold from this section, and there is some complaint of prices, but some parties are known to have gotten as high as \$20 per hundred.

Coming to the unusual amount of rainy weather the farmers are very much behind with their plowing and other spring work.

The roads are in an almost impassable condition, and cannot be bettered until it dries off.

Mr. H. T. Blundell, of Waynesboro, has recently moved his family to the property of Mr. Walker Martin, known as Castle Hill.

Mr. G. W. Smith, manager of the Rock Fish Mining and Milling Company, is in Staunton on business.

Messrs. Jeter and Henry Goodwin, of the Durham Business College, Staunton, Va., have been at home some days, sick with measles.

MONUMENT TO GEN. HAYS

Will Be Erected on Wilderness of Fredericksburg Granite.

STEAMER TOURIST AGAIN

It Has Been Undergoing Repairs Since the Ice Gorge of the Winter, but Will Now Continue to Make Its Regular Trips on the River.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 13.—Rev. N. L. Brown, of Pittsburg, Pa., has been here several days visiting the battlefields. He has located on the Wilderness battlefield in Spotsylvania county the spot where Gen. Alexander Hays, of Hancock's corps, fell, on which a handsome monument will be erected to the memory of Gen. Hays. This monument will be built of Fredericksburg granite by Cartwright & Davis, granite workers of this city. When completed an interesting programme will be arranged for the dedication ceremonies.

A mad dog created considerable excitement here last night by rushing into Wheeler's livery stable and biting one of the horses on the leg. He then attacked one of the stable men, but was driven off, and later tore a large hole in the coat of a citizen, but was caught before he could get at the man's throat. Later he attacked two other men, but was kept at bay until the arrival of Officer Tansill, who fired two bullets into the dog's head and dispatched him.

The steamer *Tourist*, of the People's Line, which has been undergoing repairs since the ice gorge, when its propeller was broken, arrived here last night with thirty-four passengers and a large cargo of freight, and left to-day on schedule time, and will now continue to make its regular trips. The steamer has been overhauled, renovated and repaired.

The Fredericksburg Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will send a contribution of money and a large box to the bazaar to be held in Richmond, beginning next Monday, for the benefit of the Home for Needy Confederate Women.

FOR THE HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Warren Potter, of Boston, Mass., has sent through her friend, Mrs. A. C. Davis, of this city, a donation of \$50 to the Mary Washington Hospital here. Capt. J. H. McKee has purchased the estate of J. G. Holladay 335 acres of land near Catlett's Station, in Fauquier county, for \$12,000.

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COUGILMAN IS INDICED

A Monster Manufacturing Industry Looking for Location.

MACHINISTS MAY STRIKE

If They Do Not Receive Satisfaction at the Ship Yards They Will Go Out on May 20th, and the Strike Will Affect Richmond.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 13.—The case of Councilman R. E. Montague, of the Second Ward, indicted on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday, was called to-day in the Corporation Court, but owing to the absence of several witnesses the trial was postponed until March 20th. It is said that the Commonwealth's Attorney is determined to have these witnesses, one in particular, whose mysterious absence cannot be accounted for. It is understood, further, that he will satisfy himself just why the witness left the city. The police were informed some weeks ago that whiskey was being sold in the councilman's saloon on Sunday. They investigated, but could not secure evidence sufficient to warrant conviction, and dropped the case. The next grand jury received the same information, it is said, and, after hearing some witnesses, brought in an indictment.

The offer of D. S. Jones and D. G. Smith of a site of 150 acres of valuable waterfront property to any person or firm that would establish a bona fide shipbuilding industry employing at least 1,500 men, will probably be taken up. If the parties who are now negotiating for a site here close their negotiations, a shipyard will occupy the site, and other shipbuilding industry that will employ more than 1,500 men at the start and in several years would employ about 10,000 men, a site with sufficient depth of water and 150 acres of land. It is desired by the projectors to locate particularly at the foot of New Market Street. Newport News men have interested themselves in the enterprise and they believe it will develop into a monster industry. They will not discuss the details for publication.

WANT MORE WAGES.

It is rumored that the machinists at the shipyard have asked for an increase in wages, without making a formal demand, and that if they do not receive satisfaction will go out on strike May 20th. It is understood that there will be a general strike of machinists, and that no steps will be taken by the machinists until they have made a formal demand and this demand is refused. It is understood that Norfolk and Richmond will be affected in the event of a final decision to strike.

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